

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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	Examiner ANH PHUNG	Art Unit 2824

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to the Election received on April 27, 2005.

2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 13-19 and 26-41.

3. The drawings filed on 23 March 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.

4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some* c) None of the:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

(a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.

(b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

- 1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
- 4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
- 5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- 7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- 8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
- 9. Other Search History.


ANH PHUNG
PRIMARY EXAMINER

Detailed Office Action

1. In response to the Election received on April 27, 2005, the non-elected claims **1-12 and 20-25** are cancelled, and elected claims **13-19 and 26-41** are pending in the application.

Priority

2. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

3. Claims **13-19 and 26-41** are allowed.

Cho et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,885,602), Wicker (U.S. Pat. No. 6,867,425), Pashmakov (U.S. Pat. No. 6,831,856), Khouri et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,816,404) and Lowrey (U.S. Pat. No. 6,570,784) disclose a phase change memory device having a set resistance and a reset resistance similar to that of the present application, but fail to teach:

“a set state is a state in which amorphous nuclei are formed in the phase-change layer that has a set resistance of from about 4 kOhm to 6 kOhm, and a reset state is a state in which the number and density of the amorphous nuclei are greater than in the set state and has a reset resistance of about 6 kOhm to 20 kOhm” as claimed in the independent claim **13**; or

“a phase-change layer between the first and second electrode contacts, the phase change layer providing a first state established by a first number of amorphous

nuclei in a crystalline matrix in a region adjacent an interface between the phase-change layer and the first electrode" as claimed in the independent claim **26**; or

"establishing logic states in a phase change memory by controlling amorphous nucleation in a crystalline matrix of a phase-changeable material" as claimed in the independent claim **34**.

Any comments considered necessary by applicants must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comment on Statement of Reasons for Allowance".

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **ANH PHUNG** whose telephone number is **(571) 272-1883**. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **RICHARD ELMS**, can be reached on **(571) 272-1869**. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is **(703) 872-9306**.

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